



Oasis Academy Johanna Class Newsletter

Y5 Indigo Class: Autumn 1, 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Indigo Class! As we come to the end of Welcome Week, your child will hopefully have all sorts of news to share with you about being in Indigo Class. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and enabling them to make some great progress with their learning. Please do come and speak to me at the door at 3.15 or get in touch via the office if you have any questions or concerns. Best wishes,
Jane and David, Class Teachers

Who am I and who am I becoming?

In Term 1, we are focussing on a PHSE theme and will be finding out how to maintain positive mental health. This will include how to negotiate and compromise in situations of conflicts and how to stay safe online and make choices online that benefit our mental health. We will also be thinking about the Oasis 9 habits and how to put them into practise in our lives.



English



In English we will use "The Write Stuff" lenses to learn all about cohesive writing and grammar. During our early morning activities we will practise 10 spellings on the Ed Shed app and every Friday your child will be tested

on them. You will be able to see how they got on via Showbie, in the Spelling folder on their iPad.



We will be reading Onjali Q. Rauf's fantastic book "The Boy at the Back of the Class" and



using this as a inspiration for our writing.

Maths



We will begin the year by deepening our understanding of the Place Value of integers (or whole numbers) up to a million. We will also be consolidating and building on our arithmetic skills and making sure our times tables are really well learnt. It is very important that every child arrives with a fully charged iPad every day for these lessons. So far, Indigo Class are doing well with this responsibility.

Three mornings every week we will start the day by practising our times tables on Time Table Rock Stars. Other apps to help support fast recall of times tables facts at home are 'Hit the Button' and 'Sumdog'.



Science

We begin our year with the study of the life cycle of plants and animals including mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. We will compare and contrast these life cycles and learn the scientific vocabulary to explain them. We will use observation and investigation to find out about the parts of a flowering plant and how they reproduce.

R.E.

Throughout the year, in RE, Indigo Class will be learning about Sikhism. This term we will find out about Sikh beliefs and history.



P.E.

In P.E., Louise will teach us how to improve our fitness as well as taking part in invasion games to improve our skills for object control. PE days are Wednesday and Friday, when children can come to school in their PE kit.

Homework

In Indigo Class, weekly homework is:

- Reading a book for 10 minutes each day. Your child then records this themselves with a comment about what they read in their reading record.
- Practise spellings on Ed Shed twice a week in preparation for the weekly **test on Friday**.
- Completing Sumdog or Times Tables Rockstar tasks set by the teacher, on their iPad, **at least twice a week**.
- Completing a menu task in their homework book and handing this in each **Monday**.

Dates for Autumn 1 (Term 1)

Thurs 7th Sept	Parent Meeting: Young Voices
Thurs 12th Oct	Individual and sibling school photos
Fri 13th Oct	INSET Day - school closed
Tues 17th Oct	Parent's Evening
Thurs 19th Oct	Parent's Evening
TBC	Natural History Museum - date to be confirmed
Fri 20th Oct	Last day: 3.15pm finish

**Half Term Holidays
Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th October**

MFL and Music

In Music with Lou, Indigo Class will be learning the words and tunes to the 10 songs we will be performing at the O2 in January. Please help your child to practise these at home so they know the words brilliantly by the end of the year.

With Simon we will learn new vocabulary in Spanish to describe colours and sports.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning facts about Europe with a focus on human and physical features in Belgium. We will begin to understand how time zones work and what the Prime Meridian is (0° longitudinal on a map).



History

In History we will learn about the Roman Empire; developing our understanding of how early civilisations shape life today.

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Dear parents/carers,

This term our trip is to the **Natural History Museum**

This is linked to our Science learning.

Where? Natural History Museum

When? TBC

What time? Leave 9.15 – Return by 3.15pm.

How? Public transport.

How much?

Lunch? Packed lunch.

Please return this slip by Friday 22nd Sept.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

- I can speak fluent English and would like to accompany the class on this trip.**
- For FSM children only: I would like my child to be provided with a packed lunch.**

Signed _____

Date _____